THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON) : (a) The mandate of the Ministry is to empower the disadvantaged and marginalized sections of the society belonging to *inter alia* Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. The progress in respect of these groups under various schemes/programmes is given below:

{(Amount in crore) (Beneficiaries in lakhs)}

Target Group	2008-09			2009-10		
	Allocation	Releases	Estimated Beneficiaries	Allocation	Releases as on 4.12.2009	Targeted Beneficiaries
Scheduled Castes	1797.90	1806.90	53.39	1899.00	1064.87	59.53
Other Backward Classes	247.50	285.30	22.36	240.00	134.28	21.66

(b) Sanction of grants under various schemes depends upon timely submission of requisite documents like Utilization Certificate, Audited Accounts, complete in all respects.

(c) About 4.77 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP). Besides, varieties of services are provided to persons with disabilities by National Institutes under the aegis of this Ministry.

(d) The Government has launched a Special Recruitment Drive to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies for Persons with Disabilities in accordance with Government policy.

Old age homes

2409. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and guidelines laid down for construction and maintenance of old age homes in the country;

(b) the number of old age homes opened in the country during last two years and till date, State-wise;

(c) the number of people residing in each of these homes during the said period, location-wise;

(d) whether any proposal for opening of such homes is pending with Government including that of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON) : (a) At present, there is no Scheme of giving assistance for construction of Old Age Homes.

Under the Ministry's Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP), grant-in-aid is provided for maintenance of Old Age Homes (OAHs) to suitable NGOs, Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local bodies, and Government recognised institutions like Nehru Yuva Kendras based on the recommendation of the State level Grants-in-aid Committee, together with satisfactory inspection reports sent by the State Government. In case of non-governmental organisations, they should be a registered society having experience of at least two year in the field to be eligible for assistance.

(b) and (c) State-wise number of Old Age Homes for which grant was provided under IPOP for the first time, since 2007-08, and the location of such OAHs are given in Statement-I (*See* below). Grant has been sanctioned for 25 inmates for each of these homes.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. State-wise numbers of new proposals for Old Age Homes recommended by State Governments, including Maharashtra during 2009-10 under IPOP, which are pending, are at Statement-II (*See* below). These cases are being processed as per the eligibility norms and subject to availability of funds under the Scheme.

Statement-I

Location-wise number of old age homes

Sl. No.	State where assistance for an OAH has been given for the first time in the last three years (and current year) *i.e.* 2007-08 to 2009-10	No. of OAHs assisted for the first time	Location of OAHs assisted for the first time
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	West Godavari
			Adilabad
2.	Assam	1	Karimganj
3.	Bihar	1	Kaimur
4.	Punjab	1	Faridkot
5.	Tamil Nadu	2	Ramanathapuram
			Chennai
6.	Maharashtra	3	Bhandara
			Nanded
			Akola
7.	Uttar Pradesh	1	Lucknow
8.			
9.	West Bengal	1	Kolkata
	TOTAL:	12	

Statement-II

Details of pending new proposals of old age Homes

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of pending new proposals of Old Age Homes, received through the State Governments, during 2009-10 under IPOP
1.	Manipur	4
2.	Karnataka	4
3.	Haryana	6
4.	Kerala	9
5.	Gujarat	5
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1
7.	Andhra Pradesh	1
8.	Uttarakhand	4
9.	Chhattisgarh	4
10.	Madhya Pradesh	6
11.	West Bengal	11
12.	Assam	11
13.	Orissa	7
14.	Maharashtra	13
15.	Nagaland	8
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1
18.	Rajasthan	19
	TOTAL:	115

Post Matric Scholarship scheme

2410. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post Matric Scholarship schemes run by his Ministry have income ceilings in extending the assistance;

(b) if so, details and the income ceilings as on today, category-wise;

(c) if so, the number of such assistance granted for the last three years, category-wise, State-wise and year-wise;